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DETAILED ACTION

1.   Claims **1-20** are presented for examination.

2.   Claims 1, 8, and 15 are currently amended.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

3.   A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the

fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since

this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee

set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office

action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on

July 06, 2006 has been entered.

Response to Amendment

4.   Applicant's arguments filed July 06, 2006 have been fully considered but

they are not persuasive because of the following reasons:

5.   Applicant argues that Win does not teach or suggest enabling the first

server to apply the authentication process to authenticate the user against a remote

repository for verifying the user credential input. In response to applicant's argument,

the examiner asserts that Win does clearly teach access server 106 includes

authentication client module to authenticate a user by verifying the name and password

with the registry server 108, wherein the registry server 108 comprises an

authentication server module and a registry repository, wherein the authentication

server module handles remote procedure calls from the access server 106 to retrieve

information from registry repository 110 for authentication (figures 1, 3, 5, col. 6, lines

20-col. 7, line 67, col. 12, lines 10-31 –*the access server 106 authenticates/verifies user name/password with Registry sever 108)*. Thus, the examiner concludes that Win does clearly teach the feature of enabling the first server to apply the authentication process to authenticate the user against a remote repository for verifying the user credential input as disclosed in the claimed invention.

6.   Applicant argues that Win fails to teach or suggest determining user access control data for identifying at least one user privilege for performing one or more actions and at least one user permission associated with one or more objects. In response to applicant's argument, the examiner submits that Win does teach the feature of determining user access control data for identifying at least one user privilege for performing one or more actions and at least one user permission associated with one or more objects as shown in abstract, col. 5, line 66-col. 6, line 17, col. 8, lines 5-23, col. 11, lines 42-64 (i.e., *providing user a personalized menu that displays only resources that user has a right to access according to user's profile, including user's role and privileges)*.

7.   Applicant argues that Win fails to teach or suggest the remote repository is located within a second server, the second server being different from the first server. In response to applicant's argument, the examiner asserts that Win teaches the registry repository 110 at the registry server 108 that stores user information, resources, users' role that can be used by access server 106 to authorize user's privileges and wherein the access server 106 and registry server 108 are different as shown in figure 1, col. 6, lines 20-26 and 41-54. Therefore, the examiner concludes that Win does teach the

remote repository is located within a second server, the second server being different

from the first server as disclosed in the claimed invention.

8.   As a result, cited prior art does disclose a system and method for

integrating security and user account data in a reporting system, as broadly claimed by

the Applicants. Applicants clearly have still failed to identify specific claim limitations

that would define a clearly patentable distinction over prior art.

9.   Therefore, the examiner asserts that cited prior art teaches or suggests

the subject matter broadly recited in independent claims 1, 8 and 15. Claims 2-7, 9-14,

and 16-20 are also rejected at least by virtue of their dependency on independent

claims and by other reasons set forth in this office action below. Accordingly, claims 1-

20 are rejected.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

10.   The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C.

§ 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

> A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --
> (e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.
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> OR
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> e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act

of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical

Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting

directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000.

Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior

to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

11.   Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated

by **Win et al.** (hereinafter Win) U.S. Patent No. **6,453,353**.

12.   As to claim 1, Win teaches the invention as claimed, including a method

for integrating security and user account data in a reporting system with at least one

remote repository comprising the steps of:

enabling a user to submit user credential input to a reporting system (figure 1,

col. 5, lines 12-20, col. 6, lines 20-40 –*receiving user registers/log-in to the*

system/central repository/registry repository at a registry server);

identifying an authentication process (figure 1, col. 6, lines 41-col. 7, line 6);

forwarding the user credential input to a first server (figures 1, 3, 5, col. 8, line 5-

col. 10, line 33 –*forwarding to access server 106 for authentication*); and

enabling the first server to apply the authentication process to authenticate the

user against a remote repository for verifying the user credential input (figures 1, 3, 5,

col. 6, lines 41-col. 7, line 67 –*the access server 106 authenticates/verifies user*

name/password with Registry sever 108) and to determine user access control data for

identifying at least one user privilege for performing one or more actions and at least

one user permission associated with one or more objects (abstract, col. 5, line 66-col. 6,

line 17, col. 8, lines 5-23, col. 11, lines 42-64 –*providing user a personalized menu that*

displays only resources that user has a right to access according to user's profile,

including user's role and privileges), wherein the remote repository is located within a

second server, the second server being different from the first server (figure 1, col. 6,

lines 20-26 and 41-54 – *the registry repository 110 at the registry server 108 that stores*

user information, resources, users' role that can be used by access server 106 to

authorize user's privileges and wherein the access server 106 and registry server 108

are different).

13.   As to claim 2, Win teaches the invention as claimed, further comprising a

step of importing user information from the remote repository (figure 1, col. 5, lines 12-

20, col. 6, lines 20-26, col. 7, lines 45-57).

14.   As to claim 3, Win teaches the invention as claimed, wherein the

authentication process comprises Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (col. 12, lines

10-53).

15.   As to claim 4, Win teaches the invention as claimed, wherein the

authentication process comprises an operating system authentication (figures 1, 3, 5,

col. 6, lines 41-col. 7, line 67).

16.   As to claim 5, Win teaches the invention as claimed, further comprising a step of enabling the server to synchronize user account data with the user information from the remote repository (col. 7, lines 34-67, col. 19, line 50-col. 20, line 53).

17.   As to claim 6, Win teaches wherein the user is associated with a group of users wherein group information from the remote repository is imported (figure 1, col. 5, lines 12-20, col. 6, lines 20-26, col. 7, lines 45-57).

18.   As to claim 7, Win teaches the invention as claimed, wherein the user information comprises at least one or user permissions, privileges and access rights associated with the user (abstract, col. 5, line 66-col. 6, line 17, col. 8, lines 5-23, col. 11, lines 42-64).

19.   As to claim 8, Win teaches the invention as claimed, including a system for integrating security and user account data in a reporting system with at least one remote repository, comprising:

an input for enabling a user to submit user credential input to a reporting system (figure 1, col. 5, lines 12-20, col. 6, lines 20-40 *–receiving user registers/log-in to the system/central repository*);

an identification module for identifying an authentication process (figure 1, col. 6, lines 41-col. 7, line 6);

a forwarding module for forwarding the user credential input to a first server

(figures 1, 3, 5, col. 8, line 5-col. 10, line 33 –*forwarding to access server 106 for

authentication*); and

a first server for applying the authentication process to authenticate the user

against a remote repository for verifying the user credential input (figures 1, 3, 5, col. 6,

lines 41-col. 7, line 67 –*the access server 106 authenticates/verifies user

name/password with Registry sever 108*) and to determine user access control data for

identifying at least one user privilege for performing one or more actions and at least

one user permission associated with one or more objects (abstract, col. 5, line 66-col. 6,

line 17, col. 8, lines 5-23, col. 11, lines 42-64 –*providing user a personalized menu that

displays only resources that user has a right to access according to user's profile,

including user's role and privileges*), wherein the remote repository is located within a

second server, the second server being different from the first server (figure 1, col. 6,

lines 20-26 and 41-54 – *the registry repository 110 at the registry server 108 that stores

user information, resources, users' role that can be used by access server 106 to

authorize user's privileges and wherein the access server 106 and registry server 108

are different*).

20.   As to claim 9, Win teaches the invention as claimed, further comprising an

import module for importing user information from the remote repository (figure 1, col. 5,

lines 12-20, col. 6, lines 20-26, col. 7, lines 45-57).

21.   As to claim 10, Win teaches the invention as claimed, wherein the

authentication process comprises Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (col. 12, lines

10-53).

22.   As to claim 11, Win teaches the invention as claimed, wherein the

authentication process comprises an operating system authentication (figures 1, 3, 5,

col. 6, lines 41-col. 7, line 67).

23.   As to claim 12, Win teaches the invention as claimed, wherein the server

synchronizes user account data with the user information from the remote repository

(col. 7, lines 34-67, col. 19, line 50-col. 20, line 53).

24.   As to claim 13, Win teaches wherein the user is associated with a group of

users wherein group information from the remote repository is imported (figure 1, col. 5,

lines 12-20, col. 6, lines 20-26, col. 7, lines 45-57).

25.   As to claim 14, Win teaches the invention as claimed, wherein the user

information comprises at least one or user permissions, privileges and access rights

associated with the user (abstract, col. 5, line 66-col. 6, line 17, col. 8, lines 5-23, col.

11, lines 42-64).

26.   As to claim 15, Win teaches the invention as claimed, including a

processor-readable medium comprising code for execution by a processor to integrate

security and user account data in a reporting system with at least one remote

repository, the medium comprising:

code for causing a processor to enable a user to submit user credential input to a

reporting system (figure 1, col. 5, lines 12-20, col. 6, lines 20-40 –*receiving user*

registers/log-in to the system/central repository);

code for causing a processor to identify an authentication process (figure 1, col.

6, lines 41-col. 7, line 6);

code for causing a processor to forward the user credential input to a first server

(figures 1, 3, 5, col. 8, line 5-col. 10, line 33 –*forwarding to access server 106 for*

authentication); and

code for causing a processor to enable the first server to apply the authentication

process to authenticate the user against a remote repository for verifying the user

credential input (figures 1, 3, 5, col. 6, lines 41-col. 7, line 67 –*the access server 106*

authenticates/verifies user name/password with Registry sever 108) and to determine

user access control data for identifying at least one user privilege for performing one or

more actions and at least one user permission associated with one or more objects

(abstract, col. 5, line 66-col. 6, line 17, col. 8, lines 5-23, col. 11, lines 42-64 –*providing*

user a personalized menu that displays only resources that user has a right to access

according to user's profile, including user's role and privileges), wherein the remote

repository is located within a second server, the second server being different from the

first server (figure 1, col. 6, lines 20-26 and 41-54 – *the registry repository 110 at the registry server 108 that stores user information, resources, users' role that can be used by access server 106 to authorize user's privileges and wherein the access server 106 and registry server 108 are different*).

27.   As to claim 16, Win teaches the invention as claimed, further comprising code for causing a processor to import user information from the remote repository (figure 1, col. 5, lines 12-20, col. 6, lines 20-26, col. 7, lines 45-57).

28.   As to claim 17, Win teaches the invention as claimed, wherein the authentication process comprises at least one of Lightweight Directory Access Protocol and operating system authentication (col. 12, lines 10-53).

29.   As to claim 18, Win teaches the invention as claimed, further comprising code for causing a processor to enable the server to synchronize user account data with the user information from the remote repository (col. 7, lines 34-67, col. 19, line 50-col. 20, line 53).

30.   As to claim 19, Win teaches wherein the user is associated with a group of users wherein group information from the remote repository is imported (figure 1, col. 5, lines 12-20, col. 6, lines 20-26, col. 7, lines 45-57).

31.   As to claim 20, Win teaches the invention as claimed, wherein the user information comprises at least one or user permissions, privileges and access rights associated with the user (abstract, col. 5, line 66-col. 6, line 17, col. 8, lines 5-23, col. 11, lines 42-64).

Conclusion

32.   The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure (see PTO-892 attached herein).

33.   Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thu Ha Nguyen, whose telephone number is (703) 305-7447. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

34.   If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Saleh Najjar, can be reached at (571) 272-4006.
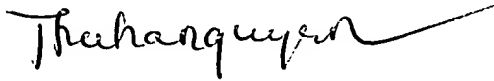

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